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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH 1ST AVENUE AND EAST NAVAJO ROAD

On November 2, 2014, officers from Operations Division West responded to a serious injury collision involving a 2001 Honda Civic and a pedestrian in the area of North 1st Avenue and East Navajo Road. Traffic detectives responded to the scene to investigate the collision.

The investigation revealed that the Honda Civic was traveling southbound on 1st Avenue in the curb lane as the pedestrian, who was identified as 46 year old Rusom Okubamichael, was crossing 1st Avenue westbound at Navajo Road. According to witnesses, Mr. Okubamichael stopped in the universal left turn lane where he took off running into the path of the Honda Civic and was struck. Mr. Okubamichael was transported to the University of Arizona Medical Center with life threatening injuries. Mr. Okubamichael succumbed to his injuries on November 12, 2014. Next of kin has been notified.

According to witnesses and roadway evidence, the Honda Civic was not traveling in excess of the posted speed limit.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2013 - 36

16 Pedestrian
2 Bicycle
5 Motorcycle

For 2014 - 30

9 Pedestrian
4 Bicycle
1 Motorcycle

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